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For: SEARCH METHOD FOR RESISTANCE TO ANTI-PROTEASES OF A STRAIN OF
THE HIV 2 VIRUS FROM A BIOLOGICAL SAMPLE TAKEN FROM A PATIENT

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0051] as follows:

[0051] The amplification products were purified with the QUIACQUICK PCR purification kit (Quiagen) and sequenced directly with the 3' RTD and 5' Prot 2.1 primers using the ABI Prism Dye Terminator Cycle Sequencing kit (Applied Biosystem). They were analyzed with the Applied Biosystem 377 automatic sequencer and the sequences were aligned with the HIV-2 consensus sequences (subtypes A and B).

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending herein. By this Amendment, paragraph [0051] is amended to correct the inadvertent deletion of the end of the sentence.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten paragraph (37 C.F.R. §1.121(b)(1)(iii)).